When I have done it most advisedly
To rid them as they were my heavy foes
Now am I known to be the mad-brain Count,
Whose humours twice five summers I have held,
And said at first I came from stately Rome,
Calling myself Count Hermes, and assuming
The humour of a wild and frantic man,
Careless of what I say or what I do ,
And so such faults as I of purpose do
Is buried in my humour and this gown I wear
In ram or snow, or in the hottest summei,
And never go nor ride without a gown,
Which humour does not fit my frenzy well,
But hides my person's form from being known

February FRENCH NEWS

The Governors in Picardy take such alarm of the prepara-
tions of the Cardinal of Austna that upon the fear thereof they
come to the French King to solicit his care of their preservation
and to furnish them with money and means, and especially the
Governor of Calais , but they are all returned home only with
good words It is feared that Calais is not very well furnished
with means to endure a siege, and that the town is not so well
fortified nor so strong for defence as it is in opinion.

COLSE'S * PENELOPE'S COMPLAINT '

There is entered a book called *Penelope's Complaint* or a
mirror for wanton minions, by Peter Colse, dedicated to the
Lady Edith, wife of Sir Ralph Horsey, Lord Lieutenant of the
County of Dorset , which poem is committed to her Ladyship
because an unknown author hath of late published a pamphlet
called *Avisa^* overslipping so many praiseworthy matrons to
praise the meanest The book telleth of the complaint of
Penelope at the departure of Ulysses, of the wooers* misrule,
and of their slaughter at Ulysses* return

HER MAJESTY'S PICTURE

The French Kong of late gave audience to Sir Henry Unton on the presenting to Vm of certain letters from the Queen.